

centralcoast - Fuel modification versus Pismo Clarkia setbacks for Tract 1998

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To: Ms. Mary Adams or staff,

Our citizens group has sent a letter (shown below) to your agency regarding the planned filling of a tributary to the East Fork of Meadow Creek to be included in the public comments on the 2008 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments.

Thanks,

Patrick Smith, Citizens to Protect Tract 1998

Text of letter:

May 22, 2009

To: Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Cc: Mary Adams, CCRWQCB
David LaCaro, CCRWQCB
Roger Briggs, CCRWQCB
Mayor Ferrara, City of Arroyo Grande
Teresa McClish, AICP, Associate Planner
Steve Adams, City Manager
Julie Vanderweir, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Bruce Henderson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

From: Patrick Smith, representing Citizens to Protect Tract 1998

Subject: East Fork of Meadow Creek and the 303(b) Update

It is our understanding that San Luis Creek and Arroyo Grande Creek will be added to the Central Coast Polluted Waters List because of the presence of excess fecal coliform (among other reasons).

The Arroyo Grande City Council recently voted 3-2 to allow a tributary of the East Fork of Meadow Creek to be filled and graded for custom home sites on Tract 1998, despite a strongly worded letter of disapproval from the CCRWQCB (Roger Briggs, April 12th, 2008). We are concerned that filling this tributary (and destruction of the wetlands fed by it) and run-off from homes built on the fill will cause fecal coliform pollution and sedimentation of Meadow Creek just as in the adjacent San Luis and Arroyo Grande Creeks.

We strongly urge the CCRWQCB to act to save the tributary and wetlands on Tract 1998, as a step towards keeping Meadow Creek off the Polluted Waters List. Prevention is certainly more cost effective than clean-up efforts after the fact. Please instruct our citizens group on how we can provide public comments on this issue to the CCRWQCB, as well as comments on the City's Storm Water Management Plan currently in preparation.

Yours respectfully,

Patrick Smith

Citizens to Protect Tract 1998

